Vacant posts in the Ministry of science and technolgy

1080. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the *PRIME MINISTER* be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in the Ministry of Science and Technology during the period from 1984-85 to 1987-88;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in filling up these vacancies;

(c) by when these posts are likely to be filled up; and

(d) details of remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?.

THE MNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The total number of sanctioned, filled and vacant posts vary from time to time due to creation of new posts, retirements, transfers etc. In the Ministry of Science and Technology two new departments viz. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research and the Department of Bio-technology have been set-up with effect from 31-12-1984 and 27-2-1986 respectively. Consequently a number of new posts, both technical and non-technical were created during the period 1984-85 to 1987-88. Generally it takes about 6 to 12 months to fill up a posts from the date of its creation provided there is no general ban on the filling up of the post. The position of sanctioned, filled and vacant posts as on 1.4.1984 and 31.3.1988 in respect of the three departments of the Ministry of Science and Technology (excluding subordinate offices) is as follows:—

As on 1.4.1984

Sanctioned	Filled	Vacant
593	474	119

as on 31.3.1988.

Sanctioned	Filled	Vacant
883	629	254

(b) Till recently Gazetted scientific and technical posts were being filled through the Union Public Service Commission, whereas the secretarial posts are filled through the Union Public Service Commission| Staff Selection Commission. Delay in filling up the posts could be due to the time taken by UPSC|SSC for recruitment, completion of pre-appointment formalities like medical examination and police verification, candidates selected for appointment not joining after the issue of offer of appointment etc.

(c) and (d) With a view to expediting recruitment of scientific and technical personnel the Ministry of Science and Technology has been exempted from the purview of the UPSC. Action is in hand to fill up all the vacant Scientific and Technical posts. Vacancies in the secretarial and administrative cadres have been notified to the Department of Personnel and Training who are to take the recruitment action and allot suitable incumbents to the Ministry.

Vacant posts in the department of Atomic energy

1081. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts lying vacant in the Department of Atomic Energy during the period from 1984-85 to 1987-88;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in filling up these vacancies;

(c) by when these posts are likely to be filled up; and

(d) details of remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Details of the vacant posts in the Department of Atomic Energy are as follows:

1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
377	315	381	435

(b) In compliance with the various instructions on economy in expenditure issued by the Government of India and the Administrative policy decision taken in the department, vacancies are filled up only after critical evaluation of the work requirements and other relevant factors. Due to non-availability of SC|ST candidates some of the Administrative and auxiliary posts could not be filled up until empanelling of adequate number of SC|ST candidates by special efforts.

(c) After critical evaluation of the work requirements the required number of posts are expected to be filled up within 3 months.

(d) Departmental examinations are conducted for filling up of the vacant posts required to be filled up by promotees and by special effort, adequate number of SC|ST candidates are empanelled for filling up of the reserved posts required to be filled up by direct recruitment.

Talks between Indian Prime Minister and US Defence Secretary

1082. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the outcome of talks between US Defence Secretary Mr. Frank Carlucci and Prime Minister during the former's recent visit to Delhi;

(b) whether Government see any indication of any shift in the US policy towards India vis-a-vis Pakistan; and

(c) what is Government's reaction to the Pantagon notifying the US Congress that it is selling Pakistan 11 more F-16 Fighters for 256 million Dollars and 200 Sparrow and 360 side winder air to air missile for a total of 87 million Dollars and whether Government have taken it up with the US Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Defence Secretary Carlucci's call on the Prime Minister during his recent visit to India was part of the continuing dialogue between the two countries on regional and international issues.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Government have conveyed India's concern at the continuing supply of sophisticated armaments to Pakistan beyond that country's legitimate defence requirements.

Direct talks between LTTE leaders president of sri lanka

1083. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Sri Lankan President's direct talks with LTTE leaders by passing the Government of India;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the course of action proposed to be taken or already taken in this regard?